

A RESOLUTION proclaiming March 21-26, 1995, as "Martin Methodist College Lady Indians Appreciation Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, basketball is a sport that teaches many important lessons that can be successfully applied to life, including the value of hard work and discipline, the necessity of overcoming obstacles and the will to achieve; and

WHEREAS, nowhere is this more evident than at Martin Methodist College, where Coach Johnny Jones' Lady Indians basketball team has exceeded all expectations in tournament play, thus adding another spectacular chapter to their rich basketball tradition; and

WHEREAS, Martin Methodist is a four-year liberal arts college, founded in 1870 in Pulaski, and for 125 years has been widely known for its academic excellence and athletic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the school competes in both the Tennessee Collegiate Athletic Conference and the National Small College Athletic Association, an association representing 134 colleges across this nation; and

WHEREAS, during the first week in March, Martin Methodist hosted and competed in the National Small College Athletic Association's Annual Women's National Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, this tenacious group of athletes out-played all the competition en route to a perfect 3-0 record and the NSCAA National Championship; and

WHEREAS, team members include Robin Leab, Melissa Steelman, Misty Griffin, Christie Waldroop, Suzanne Faulkner, Monica Harney, Julie Cox, Casandra Ellison, Jenny Morris, M'lisa Bryant, Missy Bottoms, Tricia Reed and Dana Peterson; and

WHEREAS, a special debt of gratitude is owed to Coach Jones, his assistant coaches, Dan Lumpkin, Charlie Pope and Kim Cooper; student assistant coach, Amy Gilchrist; Athletic Trainer, Kelly Lumpkin; Student Athletic Trainers, Lee Pigg and Dana Davis; and videoperson, Jake Wade; all of whose special talents contributed to the overall success of the team; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this exemplary team for their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Coach Johnny Jones and the Martin Methodist College Lady Indians by proclaiming March 21-26, 1995, as "Martin Methodist College 'Lady Indians' Appreciation Week" in Tennessee, and extend to them our best wishes for their continued success on the basketball court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each of the above-named persons, with this final clause omitted from such copy.